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SUBSTRATES

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached forms PTO-1449. Copies of the International Search Report and the references cited therein were supplied when this application entered the U.S. national phase.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the British Search Report. Except for the U.S Patents and the English language abstract for SU 1726519 which has already been supplied, copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith. Also enclosed are copies of EP 150933, EP 102759, EP 202780 and the English language abstract for Makromol Chemistry, Vol. 186, pp. 273-281.

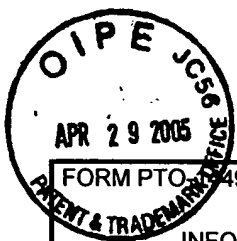
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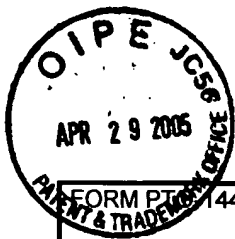
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